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1. IN VIEW OF REFTEL, WE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED THE JVR AMERICAN STAFF THAT THE LAYOFFS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 30 ARE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

2. JRV ESTABLISHED A TRANSIT CENTER OFFICER (TCO) POSITION IN JANUARY 1978 TO MEET THE THEN EMERGING NEED FOR FIRST HAND AND IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEDICAL, PERSONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STATUS OF REFUGEES APPROVED BY THE US. SINCE THAT TIME, WITH THE INCREASED OUTPROCESSING CASELOAD FROM THE IPP-77 INLAND PROGRAM, THIS NEED HAS GREATLY INCREASED.

3. WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL OCCUPYING THE TCO POSITION AGREED TO REPLACE THE STATISTICAL OFFICER AND NO OTHER QUALIFIED AMERICAN ON THE JRV STAFF AGREED TO FILL THE TCO SLOT, JRV PROCEEDED TO HIRE ANOTHER AMERICAN LOCALLY FOR THE POSITION. THE HIRING TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE RECEIPT OF REFTEL, BUT AS MENTIONED EARLIER, THE POSITION HAS ALREADY BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR TWO
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MONTHS.

4. THE TCO MONITORS AND RECORDS THE STATUS OF REFUGEES FROM THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE TRANSIT CENTER THROUGH THEIR DEPARTURE TO THE US. VERIFYING ARRIVALS AT THE TRANSIT CENTER IS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE THE ICEM INCOUNTRY MOVEMENT LISTS ARE OFTEN REVISED AT THE LAST MOMENT. CONFIRMING

DEPARTURES IS LIKEWISE IMPORTANT.

5. THE RECORD OF BOTH EPP AND IPP IS THAT AT LEAST ONE-THIRD OF ALL CASES DEVELOP DIFFICULTIES ONCE THEY REACH THE TRANSIT CENTER. THE MAJORITY OF THE DIFFICULTIES ARE MEDICAL. THE WEEKLY MEDICAL-HOLD REPORTS FROM ICEM OFTEN DO NOT PROVIDE A CLEAR OR COMPLETE PICTURE. WE FIND THERE IS A NECESSITY TO PERSONALLY FOLLOW UP ON THESE CASES. IN THIS WAY, WE ARE ABLE TO PROPERLY ANALYZE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM AND MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE VOLAGS AND SPONSORS. OFTEN WE ARE ABLE TO EXPEDITE A CLEARANCE OR, IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT SERIOUS, HAVE SOME OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS TRAVEL AHEAD.

6. ANOTHER PROBLEM IS ADMINISTRATIVE HOLDS ORIGINATING IN THE US. SOMETIMES SPONSORSHIPS ARE LOST OR HAVE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL HOUSING OR OTHER LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE CONCLUDED. THIS SITUATION RESULTS IN REFUGEES BEING PLACED IN ABEYANCE AFTER THEY HAVE ALREADY REACHED THE TRANSIT CENTER. WE FIND THAT THE TCO CAN PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN EXPLAINING THIS SITUATION TO THE ANXIOUS REFUGEES AND WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION.

7. LESS COMMON BUT OFTEN MORE COMPLEX REASONS FOR DELAYS ARE PERSONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. THESE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDE DEATHS, APPROVED MEMBERS OF FAMILIES BEING LEFT IN CAMP, THEFTS, SOCIAL CONFLICTS, NEW FAMILY MEMBERS ARRIVING IN COUNTRY, DISGRUNTLEMENT OVER VOLAG OR SPONSOR ASSIGNMENTS AND SO ON. WE RECEIVE NO REGULAR REPORT FROM ICEM ON THESE EVENTS. IT IS OFTEN ONLY THROUGH THE TCO'S CRISIS INTERVENTION THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED.

8. WE RECEIVE A NUMBER OF REQUESTS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF REFUGEES AT THE TRANSIT CENTER. THE UNHCR HAS ASKED US SEVERAL TIMES FOR A CASE-BY-CASE ACCOUNTING OF REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN AT THE CENTER FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. THE TCO HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PREPARING ACCURATE AND TIMELY RESPONSES.

9. THE TCO CARRIES OUT AN IMPORTANT CASEWORK FUNCTION BY ADVISING THE REFUGEES ON THEIR UPCOMING TRIP TO AND RESETTLEMENT IN THE US. WE HAVE PREPARED A NUMBER OF ORIENTATION HANDOUTS WHICH THE TCO DISTRIBUTES AND DISCUSSES AS NECESSARY. THE TCO ALSO PROVIDES FUNDS FOR WINTER CLOTHING AND HANDLES OTHER EMERGENCIES.

10. THE TCO ADDITIONALLY HANDLES OUT-OF-CAMP CASES,

WHICH MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE IMMIGRATION
COURTS, AND ALL BANGKOK JAIL CASES. THIS OFFICER ALSO
COVERS EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS SUCH AS THE MARCH 10
MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO THE YMCA.

11. BOTH THE JVR AND THE ICEM ARE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTORS.
WHICH ONE OF THE TWO HIRES THE AMERICAN NECESSARY TO
FILL THE TCO SLOT STRIKES US AS A MATTER FOR LOCAL
JUDGMENT. OUR PRINCIPAL OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVE AT THIS
JUNCTURE IS TO GET ALREADY APPROVED REFUGEES TO THE
UNITED STATES AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. WE STRONGLY
BELIEVE THAT HAVING THE TCO POSITION UNDER DIRECT
JVR CONTROL IS THE BEST WAY TO HELP US ACCOMPLISH THAT
OBJECTIVE.

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